

I Threw Away The Rose

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Once I lived a life of wine and roses
And I drank a lot back then for one concern
Success for me lay just around the corner
I thought my social friends would help me make the turn

And now I'm paying for the days of wine and roses
A victim of the drunken life I chose
Now all my social friends look down their noses
'Cause I kept the wine and threw away the rose

I watched the bottle slowly take control of me
The turn I made was not the one I planned
I watched my social standing slip away from me
As I watch the bottle slowly take command

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